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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, A new bridge carrying Interstate 70 over the  
3 Mississippi River connecting East St. Louis and downtown St.  
4 Louis, Missouri is under construction; and

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WHEREAS, Jerry F. Costello was born September 25, 1949 in  
6 East St. Louis; he has served as a U.S. Representative since  
7 August 9, 1988; during that time he has made it a priority to  
8 boost the local economy by building a new transportation  
9 network for the region; he is currently the senior Democrat on  
10 the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and played an  
11 instrumental role in securing substantial federal funding for  
12 the new Mississippi River bridge; and

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WHEREAS, William Lacy "Bill" Clay, Sr. was born April 30,  
14 1931 in St. Louis, Missouri; in 1968 he was elected the first  
15 African-American U.S. Representative from Missouri; during his  
16 time in office he made it a priority to focus on issues  
17 affecting his urban constituents and became known as a staunch  
18 advocate on behalf of underrepresented populations and issues;  
19 he served 16 terms as a U.S. Representative before retiring in  
20 2001; and

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WHEREAS, it is fitting to dedicate the new Mississippi  
22 River bridge in honor of the veterans who have served in the

1 U.S. Armed Forces as a humble gesture of thanks for the  
2 freedoms we enjoy on a daily basis; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
5 CONCURRING HEREIN, that the new bridge carrying Interstate 70  
6 over the Mississippi River connecting East St. Louis and  
7 downtown St. Louis, Missouri is designated as the Jerry F.  
8 Costello - William Lacy "Bill" Clay Sr. Veterans Memorial  
9 Bridge; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation  
11 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with  
12 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs  
13 giving notice of the name of the Jerry F. Costello - William  
14 Lacy "Bill" Clay Sr. Veterans Memorial Bridge; and be it  
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to the Secretary of the Illinois Department of  
18 Transportation.